

citizenry fought bravely against both adversaries on two fronts. Unfortunately, in the process of valiantly defending their homeland, over fifteen thousand Polish soldiers, officers, intellectual leaders, prisoners of war, and other Polish citizens were brutally murdered. Perhaps one of the most unforgettable acts committed by the Soviet Union against Poland was later uncovered with the discovery of 4,500 bodies found in a single mass grave at the Katyn forest, near Smolensk in the Soviet Union. This horrendous discovery became known as the Katyn Forest Massacre.

And in an egregious attack against humanity, over three thousand Americans and citizens representing more than 80 nationalities were lost at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the fields of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, on September 11, 2001. The heinous attacks on American soil reaffirmed our commitment to Democracy in defense of a free and open society, threatened by evil, injustice, hatred, and tyranny.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the lives lost in these tragedies. We shall never forget these acts of barbarism. And we shall never forget the innocent lives lost as we strive, as a People, to create a peaceful world.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2002: A TIME TO MOURN

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, the good book tells us that there is a time for every purpose under heaven. There is a time to weep and a time to mourn. On September 6th I joined some 250 of my colleagues in this body as we traveled to Federal Hall in New York City to do just that.

We gathered at a place in which this Congress met and even adopted the Bill of Rights in 1789. We mourned with those who mourn and we wept with those who weep. The last time I was in New York City was September 21, 2001. I stood in the ashes and on the periphery of the devastation at Ground Zero and I expect tomorrow, as we all do, to be a deeply moving day emotionally.

As we join to pray, Mr. Speaker, let us ever remember that we are also told that there is a time for peace and there is a time for war. As we pray for the bereaved let us also pray for wisdom for our President and our leadership in this institution as we choose the times and the days ahead for war.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
RAYMOND EDWARD WARNER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Raymond Warner has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Raymond Warner has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Raymond Warner has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Raymond Warner must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with Troop 212 and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Raymond Edward Warner as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

HONORING WILFREDO VAZQUEZ-
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HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wilfredo Vazquez-Pol of Clinton, Massachusetts who retired on September 3, 2002 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency after many years of dedicated service.

Willie, as his friends and co-workers affectionately call him, has had a very illustrious career. He served his country by enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1965 and was stationed in Hawaii and served in Vietnam. He was an auditor with the U.S. Department of Treasury, Office of Inspector General, and for the past 22 years, was a devoted member of the EPA/OIG staff where he was the Audit Manager in the Boston office since 1988. His hard work earned him the bronze Medal, the highest award given by the Inspector General.

Willie has been an outstanding citizen in Clinton and has given much of his personal time to community service. He helps provide translation services to Latino residents who have difficulty transitioning into the community. Willie is a member of the Clinton Lodge of Elks where he served as Exalted Ruler, and is also a member of the Clinton Hospital Board of Directors.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great pleasure to congratulate Willie on an outstanding career. I am certain that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in wishing him many years of good health and happiness in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY MORGENSEN

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jerry Morgensen, President and CEO of Hensel Phelps Construction in Greeley, Colorado. After the devastating attack on our Nation last September, Mr. Morgensen and his company were hired to rebuild the scarred west face of the Pentagon. Tonight, he is being awarded the Air Force Association's John R. Alison Award in recognition of his outstanding industrial leadership while renovating and rebuilding the home of our defense department.

Jerry Morgensen is a man who has served his country well during one of its darkest hours. Due to his innovation and leadership,

he and a team of dedicated men and women were able to rebuild the Pentagon in less than one year, defying the terrorists and fostering a sense of healing in the citizens who watched the building's dramatic transformation. I am proud of the tremendous work Mr. Morgensen has done, not only to rebuild the Pentagon, but to reinvigorate our national spirit.

A citizen of Colorado's Fourth Congressional District, Jerry Morgensen is truly a great American. I ask the House to join me in extending our sincere thanks and warmest congratulations to Mr. Jerry Morgensen.

IN MEMORY OF STEVEN SNYDER,
CHAMPION OF THE PERSECUTED

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, on August 27, 2002, one of the leading advocates for the persecuted passed away. His name was Rev. Steven Snyder and I knew him well. Steve cared as much as anyone I know for the persecuted. His efforts and labor on behalf of the voiceless and the persecuted, raised awareness of cases and problems in far away places that few would have known without his voice. Mr. Speaker, I will insert following these remarks an article from the Washington Times which describes how Steve made such a difference with his life.

Steven was the founder and president of International Christian concern, an organization dedicated to raise awareness of and to advocate for the plight of persecuted Christians around the world. Prior to founding International Christian Concern, Steve was the director of Christian Solidarity International, where he also was a strong and vocal advocate for the persecuted.

Steve was a pioneer in exposing to the world the horrible persecution and brutality that is occurring to people just because of their religious beliefs. Steve's efforts and his voice resounded in the halls of power throughout the world. His advocacy and speaking out on the persecuted, influenced Members of Congress and government officials from around the world to intervene and become involved in what would have otherwise been unknown issues.

In order to see and learn first-hand of persecution, Steve risked his life many times by personally traveling to very dangerous parts of the world, where he not only was a witness to human rights abuses, but where he also brought hope and love to the suffering.

Steve was a remarkable man who did incredible things in his 53 years for the suffering all over the world. Steve will be sorely missed. He deserves the words from Matthew 25, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

We send our condolences to his wife Connie and four children Sarah de Vuyst, Lori Slaubaugh, Joshua Snyder and Sean Snyder.

[From the Washington Times, Aug. 29, 2002]

SNYDER DIES AT 53; ADVOCATED CHRISTIAN
FREEDOM ABROAD

(By Larry Witham)

The Rev. Steven L. Snyder, a tireless global traveler and advocate for voiceless Christians abroad who faced religious persecution under communist and Islamic regimes, died Monday night of an infection. He was 53.